

Teton Interagency Fire

Grand Teton National Park
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Bridger-Teton National Forest
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Berry Fire

Reported: Monday, July 25, 2016
Location: West of the Owl-Berry Cutoff Trail
Current Size: 20-25 acres as of July 31, 2016
Cause: Lightning
Fuel Type: Heavy conifer forest, mature spruce and fir

Objectives:

- Use the Berry Fire to maintain ecosystem function in the recommended wilderness area of Grand Teton National Park
- Avoid negative impacts to backcountry users and park infrastructure, such as patrol cabins and radio repeaters



Aerial photos of the Berry Fire taken on Tuesday, July 26, one day after the fire was reported.

Multiple aircraft flying over the northern end of Grand Teton National Park reported smoke near the confluence of Berry and Owl Creeks on July 25, 2016. Three firefighters are assigned as fire effects monitors to the lightning-caused Berry Fire, which is burning on the east slope of Forellen Peak approximately three miles west of the northwest shore of Jackson Lake in mature conifers. The fire is burning the duff layer, creeping and smoldering, with the occasional torching of trees.

The firefighters will monitor the fire to assess its spread potential and management actions will be implemented as it affects values at risk. While fire activity is generally quiet with smoke visible from the east shore of Jackson Lake, including US Highway 89/191/287, there is the potential that fire activity may increase dramatically in the next few days. For the latest information on the Berry Fire and other local fires please check www.tetonfires.com